

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1667
H.D. 3
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1667, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize the sacrifices made by members of the United States armed services by exempting qualified disabled veterans from a portion of certain motor vehicle registration fees.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Exempts veterans who are rated as one hundred percent disabled due to service-related injury from paying one-half of the state motor vehicle registration fee on one of their noncommercial vehicles; and
- (2) Requires the Office of Veterans' Services to report the number of qualifying veterans to the Legislature and Department of Taxation.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Defense, the Office of Veterans' Services of the Department of Defense, the Hawaii Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and two individuals. The Department of Customer Services of the City and County of



Honolulu and the Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted written comments on the measure.

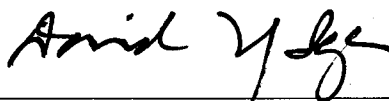
Your Committee finds that disabled veterans of the United States armed services should be recognized and compensated for the sacrifices they have made in defense of this nation. Your Committee believes that the limited fee exemption this measure will provide for qualified veterans who are disabled due to military-related injuries is justified.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that veterans discharged for bad conduct shall not be eligible for the exemption;
- (2) Specifying that the exemption shall extend to a qualified vehicle owned, leased, or operated by a qualified veteran; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1667, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1667, H.D. 3, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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